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SUBJECT: SMALL PROSPECTS FOR FRG ARMS TRANSFERS TO  
MOROCCO

REF: STATE 047687 (NOTAL)

1. AN FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WHO WAS AWARE OF THE  
ATHERTON-HANSEN CONVERSATION CONCERNING US MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO (REFTEL) ADVISED AN EMBASSY  
OFFICER ON MARCH 4 THAT HE FORESAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD  
THAT THE FRG WOULD TRANSFER ARMS TO MOROCCO. THE  
OFFICIAL BASED HIS CONCLUSION ON TWO FACTORS. FIRST,  
THE GERMANS BELIEVE THE MOROCCANS HAVE EXAGGERATED THE  
THREAT WHICH FACES THEM AND THEIR CONSEQUENT NEED FOR  
WEAPONS. THE OFFICIAL DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT THE  
MOROCCANS HAD REQUESTED FROM THE FRG. SECOND, IT  
WOULD BE POLITICAL DYNAMITE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CON-  
SIDER AN ARMS TRANSFER OF THIS NATURE DURING THE  
NATIONAL ELECTION YEAR. THE OFFICIAL CONTINUED THAT THE  
FRG WOULD PROBABLY OFFER NON-WEAPON MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
TO THE MOROCCANS AS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

2. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL'S REMARKS

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ARE QUITE IN LINE WITH THE FRG'S RESTRICTIVE POLICY  
REGARDING ARMS TRANSFERS TO NON-NATO STATES. IT

SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE FRG WILL EASE THIS POLICY PRIOR TO OCT. 3, AND WE SHARE THE OFFICIAL'S JUDGMENT THAT IT COULD HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPACT DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE SPD. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL DID NOT MENTION THE INFORMAL POLICY OF DENYING ARMS EXPORTS TO AREAS OF TENSION, WE ASSUME THIS BASIC FACTOR WILL ALSO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE FRG DECISION-MAKING PROCESS GIVEN THE CURRENT UNSTABLE SITUATION OBTAINING AMONG MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND MAURITANIA IN THE SAHARA.  
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